

**40677 to 40770—Continued.** (Quoted notes by Mr. F. N. Meyer.)

Grown under irrigation on rich flats along the Wei River. A good market variety apparently."

For an illustration of these eggplants, see Plate V.

**40760.** *SOLANUM MELONGENA* L. Solanaceæ. **Eggplant.**

"(No. 2285a. Paihsiangchen, Shansi, China. August 10, 1914.) A variety of eggplant with medium-large fruits of pure white color. Chinese name *Pai ch'ieh tzü*, meaning 'white egg fruit.'"

**40761.** *CAPSICUM ANNUUM* L. Solanaceæ. **Red pepper.**

"(No. 2286a. Shensi Province, China. September, 1914.) Mixed varieties of chili peppers, much grown for condiments and used with every meal, taking the place apparently of meats and gravies with the Chinese country population."

**40762.** *CUCUMIS SATIVUS* L. Cucurbitaceæ. **Cucumber.**

"(No. 2287a. Sianfu, Shensi, China. August 22, 1914.) A variety of cucumber of oblong, heavy shape, generally ribbed, able to stand more drought and heat than ordinary cucumbers, but not as fine in quality, having greater seed cavities. Chinese name *Ts'ai kua*, meaning 'vegetable gourd.'"

**40763.** *CITRULLUS VULGARIS* Schrad. Cucurbitaceæ. **Watermelon.**

"(No. 2288a. Lanchowfu, Kansu, China. December 28, 1914.) A watermelon, said to be large and very sweet, having dark-red flesh and white seeds. Grown at Chungkwanying, to the north of Lanchowfu. Obtained from Father C. Coppisters, of the Belgian Roman Catholic Mission at Lanchowfu. To be tested in semiarid localities."

**40764.** *CUCUMIS* sp. Cucurbitaceæ.

"(No. 2289a. Near Meihsien, Shensi, China. September 9, 1914.) A cucurbit of trailing growth, occurring as a weed in fields. Apparently a primitive form of melon, presumably of botanical interest."

**40765.** *CAPRIOLA DACTYLON* (L.) Kuntze. Poaceæ. **Bermuda grass.**  
(*Cynodon dactylon* Pers.)

"(No. 2290a. Near Madjakey, near Chiehchow, Kansu, China. October 10, 1914.) A grass of very low growth, with running rhizomes found amidst stony débris and on pebbly and sandy wastes along mountain streams, forming a dense mat of turf. Of value apparently as a lawn grass for sandy locations. Does not require any mowing."

**40766 and 40767.** *IRIS ENSATA* Thunb. Iridaceæ. **Iris.**

**40766.** "(No. 2291a. Near Taipintze, near Taochow, Kansu, China. November 29, 1914.) An Iris of very low growth, found along roadsides at altitudes of 10,000 feet above the sea. Of value as a very hardy herbaceous perennial to line paths and flower beds in parks and gardens in dry and cold localities."

**40767.** "(No. 2292a. Pingliang, Kansu, China. January 16, 1915.) A low-growing Iris, somewhat more vigorous than the preceding number; otherwise the same remarks apply to it. This Iris is so hardy that frequently cart and mule traffic over it does not destroy it at all, but only stunts the plants somewhat."

**40768.** *ROSA BANKSIAE NORMALIS* Regel. Rosaceæ. **Rose.**

"(No. 2293a. Near Chenghsien, Kansu, China. September 30, 1914.) A wild rose, of very vigorous growth, found as big clumps amidst scrub